



## **MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR VISA APPLICANTS**

**Every applicant** for immigrant and fiancé/e (K-1) visa (**including all members of the family who will immigrate**) **must be medically examined**. AT THE TIME OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AT THE EMBASSY YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION LISTED BELOW (a), (b), (c), and (d). ALL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ARE PAID FOR BY THE APPLICANTS AND MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE INTERVIEW DATE. The X-ray and the test results must show the applicant's name and passport number, the date, and the signature of the examiner. Therefore, be sure to bring your passport with you when each part of the medical examination is to be carried out.

***IMPORTANT: The entire medical examination***, the chest x-ray and the serological tests for the syphilis, HIV, and vaccinations, ***must be performed by a designated panel physician in the country where the applicant is processing his/her visa***. The authorized panel physicians are listed below. Medical examinations may ***not*** be done at U.S. military facilities or by civil surgeons in the United States.

(a) **X-RAY**: A chest X-ray of your lungs, and a report in 2 copies signed by a certified radiologist or a specialist in tuberculosis, and accompanied by the X-ray negatives. Children under 15 years of age are not normally required to take an X-ray.

(b) **SEROLOGIC & HIV TEST (SEE ATTACHED HIV INFORMATION)**: (Kline & VDRL) A laboratory report in 2 copies. (Normally not required for children under 15 years of age.)

The doctor providing the general examination (see (c) below) can recommend where to obtain the X-ray and the blood test.

(c) **VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**: See attached information

(d) **GENERAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION**: When you have the medical report described in (a), (b), and (c) above, you should make an appointment for a general medical examination with one of the following physicians. ***You should take all medical documents, your passport and a small photo of yourself with you when you go for your medical examination.***

### **Designated Panel physicians:**

#### **STOCKHOLM** BULOW, Göran

SOPHIAHEMMET, Valhallavägen 91, , 114 27 Stockholm  
&  
HÄLSOBAROMETERN, Surbrunnsgatan 40, 11348 Stockholm

Phone hours Monday- Thursday 09.00- 17.00

#### **TEL:**

08/756 21 98

#### **GÖTEBORG** HOLMER, Fredrik

Södra Vägen 23, 411 35 Göteborg

031/ 18 09 89

#### **MALMÖ** WELIN, Carl-Olof

CITYKLINIKEN, Malmborgsgatan 4, 211 38 Malmö

040/611 10 40

## ***IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS CONCERNING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS***

United States Immigration Law requires immigrant visa/K-1 applicants to obtain certain vaccinations (listed below) prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa.

### **Instructions and procedural guidelines:**

Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations on behalf of immigrant visa applicants are now required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations.

**Mumps, measles, rubella, polio, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, pertussis, influenza type B (HIB), hepatitis B, varicella, pneumococcal, and influenza.**

In order to assist the panel physician, and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant visa, all immigrant visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the immigrant medical examination. Visa applicants should obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Certain waivers of the vaccination requirement are available upon the recommendation of the panel physician.

Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, and current medical condition.

### **HIV TEST**

A blood test for the antibody to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is required as part of your medical examination. HIV is the virus that is the cause of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). AIDS is the name given to a group of illnesses, which may occur in people infected with HIV. Infection with HIV causes a defect in a person's natural immunity against disease. This defect leaves infected people vulnerable to serious illnesses that would not usually be a threat to anyone whose immune system was intact. This test is not to diagnose AIDS, it does not necessarily mean that you have AIDS or will get it.

The results of your test will be provided to a consular officer. Also, it may be necessary to report to health authorities in this country. A blood test for the antibody to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is required as a part of your medical examination if you are 15 years or older.

A positive test result will mean that you will not be eligible to receive a visa. A positive test result could also have other local consequences on your day-to-day activities.